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1. MOCHTAR ARRIVED GENEVA APRIL 3.

2. MOCHTAR APPROACHED AMBASSADOR STEVENSON AT RECEPTION AND INDICATED REGRET THAT UNABLE TO RECEIVE AMBASSADOR MOORE IN JAKARTA. HE STATED SUBSTANTIALLY SAME REASONS AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTEFD BY AMBASSADOR NEWSOM (REFTEL JAKARTA 2793) FIRST, PRESENCE OF INDONESIAN LOS EXPERTS IN GENEVA, SECOND, INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN ABOUT REPORTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES THAT AGREEMENT ON ARCHIPELAGOES AND STRAITS HAD BEEN REACHED WITH UNITED STATES AND CRITICISM OF INDONESIA FOR SEPARATING SELF FROM FORMER ARCHIPELAGO AND STRAITS STATES WHEN IN INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT'S VIEW ONLY PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS HAD TAKEN PLACE AND, THIRD, PERSONAL EMBARRASSMENT OF GENERAL SOEDARMONO, VICE CHAIRMAN OF INDONESIA LOS DELEGATION THAT HIS NAME MENTIONED BY OTHER COUNTRIES AS HAVING REACHED AGREEMENT WITH USA. MOCHTAR STATED THERE IS CONSIDERABLE RIVALTY AMONG SENIOR INDONESIAN OFFICIALS AND THIS BEING USED AGAINST SOEDARMONO. MOCHTAR CONCLUDED THAT IN VIEW
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OF FOREGOING USA AND INDONESIA SHOULD MOVE SLOWLY IN FURTHER BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS AND IN ANY EVENT CON-

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FERENCE NEED NOT RESOLVE ARCHIPELAGO AND STRAITS ISSUES
AT THIS TIME.

3. STEVENSON INDICATED THAT US PARTICIPANTS IN INDONESIAN
TALKS HAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNDERSTANDING WITH INDONESIANS
ADVISED OTHER MARITIME COUNTRIES OF PROGRESS OF CONSUL-
TATIONS WITH INDONESIA BUT HAD NOT INDICATED AGREEMENT
HAD BEEN REACHED AND THAT DESIRABLE RESOLVE COMMITTEE II
ISSUES, INCLUDING STRAITS AND ARCHIPELAGO ISSUES, AS A
PACKAGE AT THIS SESSION AT LEAST AT COMMITTEE LEVEL. IT
WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT AND IN OUR VIEW UNDESIRABLE TO
RESOLVE TERRITORIAL SEA AND ECONOMIC ZONE ISSUES WITHOUT
DEALING WITH STRAITS AND ARCHIPELAGOES.

4. CONVERSATION INTERRUPTED BY OTHER GUESTS. MOCHTAR
INDICATED LEAVING GENEVA ON APRIL 11 TO RETURN TO JAKARTA
BECAUSE OF RESPONSIBILITIES IN CONNECTION WITH INDONESIAN
LEGISLATION ON POLITICAL PARTIES.

5. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN
AMERASINGHE, AMBASSADOR STEVENSON INDICATED DESIRABILITY
OF AMERASINGHE CONVEYING TO MOCHTAR SENSE OF URGENCY
AND IMPORTANCE OF REACHING AGREEMENT AT THIS SESSION ON
COMMITTEE II ISSUES, INCLUDING STRAITS AND ARCHIPELAGOES,
AS WELL AS INTEREST OF CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBLE
DEVELOPING COUNTRY LEADERSHIP IN INDONESIA REACHING AGREE-
MENT WITH MARITIME COUNTRIES ON ARCHIPELAGOES. AMERASINGHE
INDICATED HE PLANNING TO MEET WITH MOCHTAR AND WOULD
FOLLOW ABOVE SUGGESTIONS WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION.

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